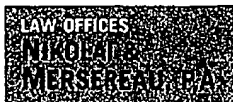


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For : BONE FIXATED, ARTICULATED JOINT
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.111 (12 pp.) in response to the Official Action mailed January 30, 2007, a one-month Petition for Extension of Time and a Certificate of Facsimile Transmission in the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees listed in 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1265.

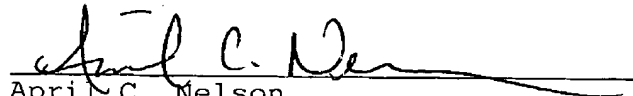
Yours very truly,

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.111 in response to the Official Action mailed January 30, 2007, a Petition for a one-month extension of time, in application Serial No. 10/675,855, filed on September 25, 2003, of Edward Draper, entitled "BONE FIXATED, ARTICULATED JOINT LOAD CONTROL DEVICE" and a transmittal letter are being sent by facsimile transmission to: The Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on March 30, 2007.



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